(iii) Evolution of a concept of alternative to homework for the students of Classes III to V.

(iv) Concept of continuous and comprehensive evaluation from Classes I to VIII.

(v) Introduction of five-point grading scale from Classes I to V with no pass/fail criteria, and seven-point grading scale for Classes VI to VIII for implementation in a phased manner.

(c) These guidelines are being implemented in a phased manner by most of the Schools affiliated to CBSE.

(d) and (e) CBSE does not propose to withdraw these instructions. CBSE is following up the implementation of these programmes by maintaining periodic contracts with heads of institutions through induction courses.

Employment of students who have studied in Russia

1975. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many students who studied in Russia and other countries of former USSR and employed in various educational institutions in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that under the USSR system of education, the examinations are passed by grade and not by marks;

(c) if so, the details including the officially recognized equivalent percentage marks in India to Grade 5, Grade 4, Grade 3 and credit awarded by USSR and Russia; and

(d) the details of the institutions authorized to grant the above equivalence of percentage marks as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No such information is maintained centrally.

(b) Association of Indian Universities (AIU) has informed that under the USSR system of education, the students are awarded grades, and not marks.

(c) and (d) The qualifications obtained from Russian Federation/ CIS countries are recognized as per the terms of the protocol between the Government of India and erstwhile USSR.

Non-essentiality of NET for lectureship

†1976. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the essentiality of qualifying the National l Eligibility Test (NET) for appointment as lecturer in universities and colleges has been withdrawn by Government;

(b) if so, whether the applicants having been awarded the degree of M.Phil, and Ph.D. after the year 2002 will be eligible for the post of lecturer; and

(c) if so, by when Government instructions will be issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI); (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission has on the 14.6.2006 issued an amendment to its regulation which is as follows:

"NET shall remain the compulsory requirement for appointment as Lecturer for those with post-graduate degree. However, the candidates having Ph.D. degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for Post Graduate level and Under Graduate level teaching. The candidates having M.Phil, degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for Under Graduate level teaching only."

Amount received from education cess

†1977. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received so far by Government under the education cess;

(b) the programme for which the education cess is proposed to be utilised;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.